precautions while traveling to areas in the country which are temporarily disturbed. The Ministry of Tourism through its overseas offices and in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs and Indian missions abroad takes up the matter regarding lifting of travel advisories as and when issued by different countries to avoid any adverse impact on tourism to the country.

(c) and (d) Safety and security is a State subject. The Ministry of Tourism has advised the State Governments/Union Territories for deployment of Tourism Police and to take adequate measures for the safety of tourists at all important tourist centres/destinations.

In addition to the above, the Ministry of Tourism has launched media campaigns against 'Molestation of Tourists' to create awareness and to sensitise masses regarding the importance of good behaviour with tourists.

Infrastructure to promote tourism

99. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state the various projects undertaken to improve infrastructure in the country to promote tourism?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 346 projects for Rs. 1531.35 crore to improve tourism infrastructure in the country during the first two years of the Eleventh Five Year Plan under the following Schemes:—

1. Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits including Rural Tourism.
2. Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects.
3. Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development.

Water supply in Guwahati

100. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total population and class category of Guwahati city and the percentage of population covered with existing water supply schemes;

(b) whether proposal for water supply amounting to Rs. 1100 crore to cover the remaining population has been received by his Ministry;

(c) if so, the details and the status thereof; and

(d) by when it is likely to be cleared indicating the total outlay, target, executing agency and number of beneficiaries to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) The total estimated population of Guwahati Metropolitan Area currently is 12.46 lakhs. 30.25% of the population is covered with Piped Water Supply Scheme in Guwahati Municipal Corporation area. Guwahati is a class-I city (Population above one lakh) as per 2001 census.

(b) to (d) Government of Assam with the approval of Ministry of Urban Development approached Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for providing a loan for taking up water supply scheme in south Guwahati Central Zone and North Guwahati Zone of the Guwahati Metropolitan Area. The Loan Agreement with JICA has been signed on 31.3.2009 and preliminary works relating to the implementation of the Project has already been initiated. The total loan amount is 29.4 billion Japanese Yen amounting to Rs. 1300 crore approximately. The Project aims to supply water to 100% household within the projected area on 24 × 7 basis. The Project has been presently assigned to Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) for execution pending creation of Guwahati Metropolitan Drinking Water and Sewerage Board. One project at a total cost of Rs. 280.94 crore for drinking water supply in South Guwahati West Zone was sanctioned under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) in February, 2008.

World Bank Loan

101. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is likely to acquire Dollar five billion loan from World Bank to give a thrust to urban infrastructure;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether Government has decided to spend the said loan amount under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM); and

(d) if so, the extent to which the targets of JNNURM are likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) to (d) A proposal has been initiated for $ 5.3 billion assistance from World Bank for development of Urban Infrastructure, Water Supply, Sanitation and Urban Transport in cities. The exact content and spread of assistance and its conforming to the overall Jawaharlal Nehru National Mission (JNNURM) approach are at early stage of consideration.

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†102. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the burden of population has already increased rapidly on the National Capital Region (NCR);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the rapidly increasing population in the region has adversely affected the basic services such as electricity, water, housing, schools, etc.;

(d) if so, the details thereof;